

March 2013

Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

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March 2013**

**2013 HARC OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: LUAN SANDBERG, KC9PGS  
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TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA  
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

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**Next Scheduled Meeting:  
Wednesday – MARCH13, at 7:30 PM**

**Beth Haven Pleasant View  
641 Euclid Avenue  
Hannibal, Mo 63401**

**Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.**

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**MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST - MARCH 2013**

**4 KØDFW Howard  
11 WB2UFO Larry  
18 WØPGL Tony  
25 KDØHHN Don**

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**FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2013  
Hannibal, MO ARC 2013 Exam Dates**

**April 10th, 2013, July 10th, 2013, October 9th, 2013**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at [kb0wil@arrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

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The 2013 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

### **HARC CLUB DUES:**

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO HARC '2012 MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD' FRED MILLER, KBØWIL**



Pres Don Vary, KDØHHN presenting 2012 Member of the Year award.

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### **HARC CLUB NEWS**

**Date:** February 9th, 2013

**Location:** Golden Corral Restaurant Hannibal, Mo.

**Repeater report:** Fred-KBØWIL

The 146.625 and 146.880 repeaters are working great, no problems.

**ARRL Membership:** If you're a member of the ARRL, and renew your membership through the club, we receive a small portion of your renewal fee. If interested, contact Fred-KBØWIL. Thank you to the members who have renewed through the club already. If your not a ARRL member, please consider joining, we need the ARRL to make sure we don't lose any of the amateur radio spectrum.

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**HARC- Dinner (Saturday February 9th, 2013):** We will be having our annual HARC Dinner Get Together at the Golden Corral, start time is 6:00PM. Fred-KBØWIL will take care of the reservations. We will be sitting up front as usual. Everyone is responsible, for there own meal purchase. We will also be presenting the HARC 2012 member of the year award.

**\*Update:** We had a great time at our annual dinner/get together. 14 members and 1 guest (Coonie) attend this year, We presented the Lifetime Member Award to Tony-WØPGL and the HARC 2012 Award to Fred-KBØWIL. We gave away several door prizes, and had great food to eat. You missed a great time, if you didn't attend. Pictures of the event are on the clubs website.

**Donation:** Cliff-KØCA donated an ARRL 2013 Calendar, and 2 repeater directories, to give away at our dinner /get together. Thanks Cliff for donating these items.

**K9P-Special Event 2013:** Carol –WA9EFV informed us that in 2013, PASA-Park will be hosting a big shooting event with several vendors. He will inform us of the exact date, when it becomes available. When we know the date we can plan on setting up the K9P Special Event Station . Fred-KBØWIL will arrange for permission to use K9P as our call, if its available.

**Field Day 2013:** Update !! We will be having Field Day on June 22nd-June 23rd 2013, at Huckleberry Park. The Hannibal Parks & Rec Dept, has offered to set up a tent, and tables and chairs, at Huckleberry Park. We can't use the pavilion, but we will be set up just north of the pavilion. This location will work out much better, than Riverview Park. Fred-KBØWIL will be setting this up with Andy at the Hannibal Parks & Rec. Dept.

**Breakfast Club Picnic: July 12, 13, 14, 2013, Hannibal, Missouri**

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT OF \$25.00 (\$10.00 Breakfast + \$15.00 Dinner) PER PERSON AND YOUR NAME TO:

CAROL BARTLETT, WA9EFV  
32559 250th Street, BARRY, IL 62312  
PHONE: 217-335-2472 CELL PHONE: 217-430-0286

**HARC Barbeque 2013: (Saturday) September 14th, 2013.**

We will be having the barbeque, this year at Huckleberry Park.  
Fred –KBØWIL reserved the pavilion.

**HARC Club Dues-2013:** Don't forget, that the club dues will be due, for 2013, please your dues on time. Thank You. Club dues are due no later, than March 13th, 2013. This is our next meeting in March.

**2013 ARRL Midwest Convention Update:**

Greetings to all. The Convention is shaping up to be a tremendous event. As you know the location of the Convention is at the Cowan Civic Center located at Lebanon, Missouri. The vendor and manufacture line-up is

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outstanding! Premier companies such as ICOM, Heil Sound, RF Concepts (Alpha), WB0W, D and L Antennas, Balum Designs, just to name a few will be attending. In addition, we have a stellar line-up of special guests. Attending will be K1ZZ Dave Summer CEO of ARRL, Cliff Ahrens K0CA Midwest Director, Bob Heil of Heil Sound, Gordan West, Bill Pasternak, Carole Perry who will be heading up our youth program, W8JI, K5UR Rick Roderick, W4WT Joe Spear Remote Operations expert, Missouri State Representative Sandy Crawford, just to name a few. Our forum line-up is equally fantastic. We will have forums by K1ZZ for the ARRL Forum, W4WT for remote operation, K5UR for DXing, Gordon West, Bob Heil, Gordon Hardman W0RUN of Alpha, Carole Perry for Youth Activities., along wit!  
h other technology and Public Service and Emergency Service forums and displays.

We are raising the bar for these types of events. We will NOT be charging to enter and attend the Convention. We will be offering "free" tail-gating outside space for all who want to participate. I hope that you decide to attend this exciting event on November 8-9, 2013 in Lebanon, Missouri. Please mark your calendars and let you clubs know!

73,

Ron Lowrance, K4SX  
<[k4sx@centurytel.net](mailto:k4sx@centurytel.net)>  
Co-Chair, 2013 ARRL Midwest Convention  
Assistant Director, ARRL Midwest Division  
<http://www.arrlmidwestconvention.com/>

Number of members present: 14

Number of guests: 1

Total Present: 15

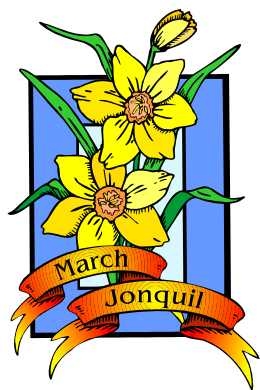
Fred KBØWIL HARC-Secretary E-:-)

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**MARCH BIRTHDAY WISHES!**

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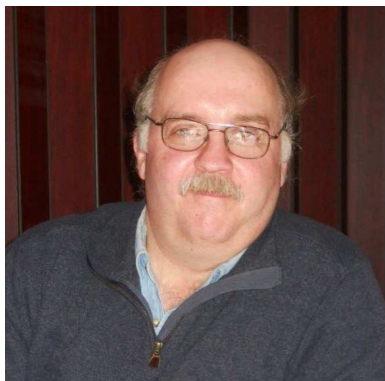
# Happy Birthday!



**“Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK  
BY DON VARY KD0HHN**



Well it was nice to see everyone who was able to make it to the dinner meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The food was pretty good, and the fellowship, as always was very enjoyable. My thanks to Fred and Karen for doing such a great job not only with getting everything organized, but also for the gift drawings that we do at this meeting. I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to both Fred, KBØWIL, for his award as HARC Member of the Year, and Tony, WØPGL, for his induction as a Life Member for the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club. Both of these gentlemen are very deserving of their awards for all that they have done over the years for not only the club, but Amateur Radio as well. I was thinking that maybe with next year's dinner meeting we could see about inviting someone to give a short presentation about some of the various aspects of Amateur Radio, such as the National Traffic System, etc. Anyone with any ideas about this, please let me know what you think and we can go from there with it.

Not much else to report this month, other than spring will soon be here, and with that come the storm spotter classes. According to the National Weather Service website, classes are already forming. In our area, March 4, 2013 will be the date of the class at John Wood Community College, time TBA. You can go to WGEM website to get more information, or contact Adams County Emergency Management. On March 14, 2013 there will be another class at the Shirley Bowmar Building on Munger Lane. That class will be starting at

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6:30 PM and for more information about that one, contact John Hark, Marion County EMA. I would recommend calling John in advance if you want to take this course, as last year he had about 50 people pre-registered and they ended up filling the room. If you have not attended a class in a few years, I strongly recommend attending this, as several things have changed with reporting criteria over the years. I went last year and noticed a lot of changes from the course that I attended 2 years previously. Well not much else to report, so I'll close this session out and say 73.

Don KDØHHN

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### DX News and Notes, March 2013



**MIKE NA9Q**

#### DX Notes



by Mike Nowack na9q  
& News...

I have always considered ham radio a safe hobby to dabble in. Yes, you need to practice safety around high voltage and tower climbing can be hazardous. But when such things are done correctly, it is a safe hobby. Participating in a DXpedition can involve some primitive living conditions, travel accommodations and inhospitable weather or having to survive on canned delicacies such as Spam. I recall a group who went to Navassa some 20-odd years ago and found in the last days of the trip that they were short of fresh water and had to endure such things as brushing their teeth with canned Mountain Dew. I can only imagine how that must have tasted, Mountain Dew and Pepsodent!. These things I recalled when recently I stumbled upon an article about one small island in the Andaman Island group. The Andamans being a much sought entity among DX'ers, the name in the headline caught my eye. It seems this one small island is home to a viscous stone-age



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tribe, perhaps the last such tribe in the world that has remained untouched by civilization. The story described how a small fishing boat from one of the other islands ran aground on the island following engine failure. The two men on the boat were immediately killed by members of the tribe and their boat burned. A helicopter sent to survey the situation was met with a barrage of arrows and spears and forced to retreat. Thus the men's bodies were never recovered. It is indeed fortunate that other islands of the group are civilized and welcome outsiders arriving with radios and antennas in tow.

By the time you read this, the weekend of the ARRL DX Phone Test will be over. I hope everyone had a chance to get on and find a few new band countries. I know I will be looking for some new 80M countries as I am still a few short of my goal. And Arlyce will be using our station in the daylight hours looking for new 10M and 15M band countries.

An important reminder from the DXCC Desk at Newington will be of interest to those of us who are still running Internet Explorer. It was announced that if you wish to submit on line DXCC applications you must use Mozilla Firefox as your browser. Microsofts' Internet Explorer is not compatible with the interactive forms that are used in the application process. Check out the online blog at [www.arrl.org/dxcc-blog](http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-blog) for further information and hints on installing Firefox for use on the DXCC pages. It was also announced that the usual yearend backlog of 2012 applications has now been cleared and the department is now beginning the task of clearing the pile of DXCC applications received on or after January 1, 2013.

If you are looking for a news site online dedicated to DX, try DX World at <http://dx-world.net/>. The site is updated daily and always has the latest DX news from around the world. And for you IOTA fans, there is up to date information on island activations as well as for DXpeditions.

## DX NEWS....

9X – Rwanda. This hard find location will be on the air thanks to Nick G3RWF from March 4 to 12 as 9X0NH. He plans a return trip later in the year as well. This will be mainly a CW operation with QSLs going to his home call.

3B9 – Rodrequez Island. Another 3B9 operation is in the wings as JA8BMK, JN1TNL and JQ1LCW will be on from this island March 1 - 10. Call will be 3B9DX. A short stop on Mauritius (3B9) may also take place by one or more of the team. Operation will be on 80 thru 10 SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via EA5GL.

9M4 – Spratly Islands. Look for the 9M4SLL operation from March 10 – 18. This international group will activate as many as 5 stations with full legal power on 160 thru 10. The 160/80 antennas will be 87 foot verticals near the salt water. They will concentrate on 160 and 80 with CW, SSB and RTTY. Logs will be updated daily on the MOURX site. He is also the QSL manager. OQRS will be available there as well.

KH0 – Marians Islands. ROFA and RA0FU will be active portable KH0 March 25 to April 4. Activity is planned for all bands and all modes with QSLs going to the home calls.

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FOO – Clipperton Island. The TX5K group is on their way to the island as I write this. The actual operation is planned for March 28 thru approximately March 10. Dates will vary with sailing conditions. QSL to N2OO. An OQRS site will be opened on Clublog as well. Latest info and realtime updates are available at [www.tx5k.org](http://www.tx5k.org).

XR0 – Easter Island. A UK team will operate from the land of the Moai from March 20 to 27. Look for XR0YG info at [www.xr0yg.com](http://www.xr0yg.com).

XT – Burkino Faso. The current JA team operating from here will close operations on March 2. Look for JA3VWT, JA3IVU, JH3AEF, JA1CJA all /XT on all HF bands, SSB, CW and digital. QSL to home calls. An Italian team is also currently active as XT2TT until March 6, also all bands and modes. QSL to I2YSB.

ZA – Albania. IZ4JMA is reportedly now living in ZA land and will be there for 18 months. He plans to operate all bands and modes. QSL to IZ4JMA

ZS8 – Marion Island. Carson ZL8C will be on this rare island as part of the team that will be on the island for a year. He should be active by sometime in late March. Operating skills are an unknown. QSL TBD. Also as previously noted, the new replacement crew scheduled to be on Marion for one year beginning in April will include a ham operator, David, ZS1BCE. He hopes to obtain the call ZS8D for his island stay but that is not a certainty. What is certain is that he is an enthusiastic ham and intends to be as active as possible during his year-long stay. The one negative is that he plans to only operate SSB. Whatever his call ends up being, QSL to ZS1HF.

And that is it for March DX. As usual, thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the 425 DX Newsletter and the OPDX DX Bulletin for information contained in this column. 73, Mike NA9Q

### **WIARC AMATEUR RADIO CLASS FORMING NOW!**

The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club will be holding a 3 session course where you will learn everything you need to know to pass the test for your entry level FCC Amateur Radio License. Classes will be held each Saturday, beginning February 23 and concluding on March 9 when the FCC exam will be administered by the instructors.

Classes will be held on Saturday, from 9am to 4pm in the Red Cross Building located at 3000 North 23rd Street in Quincy.

While instruction is free, the purchase of the license study guide is strongly recommended. It will be available at discount from the instructor. There is an FCC testing fee of \$15.

Training will include on-air demonstrations in the on-site club sponsored station. There is no age limit for licensing and instruction will be geared to students of all ages from junior high to senior citizen.

Sponsored by the WIARC  
The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club [www.w9awe.org](http://www.w9awe.org)



**TO JOIN THE CLASS, CONTACT:**  
**MIKE NOWACK, NA9Q**  
**217-224-8526 (9AM-8PM)**  
**OR EMAIL: NA9Q@ARRL.NET**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO HARC 'LIFETIME MEMBER' TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL**



President Don Vary, KDØHHN presenting recipient Tony Gilliland, WØPGL with Award



**MESSAGE FROM TONY, WØPGL**

I would like to thank all the membership, Officers and Members alike, of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, for the honor they gave me when they presented me with the LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD in the Club.....I want to impress upon each of you how much it really means to me.

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I was looking through some of the pictures and videos that I have made at some of the field days, picnics, hamfests, etc. and I was amazed to realize how many years it has been.....I have enjoyed so many Club events, meetings and social gatherings in my 24 plus years with the HARC.

Before returning to the Hannibal area in the early 1980's I was associated with, and held Office in THE FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE, Aurora Il., and BURLINGTON NORTHERN RR AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, St. Paul Minn.

It is amazing how sometimes it seems like time has really flown by so quickly and other times it feels like it has been a long, long time.....

I will never forget the many great friends, past and present, that I have made as I participated in those activities associated with Ham Radio.....

Again, I wish to thank the entire Membership of the HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB for your well wishes and your support through the years and I look forward to still being as active as possible in the Club activities...

Tony Gilliland, W0PGL

**A FUN TIME WAS HAD AT OUR YEARLY ANNUAL CLUB DINNER AT GOLDEN CORRAL.  
PICTURES FOLLOW: IF YOU MISSED IT, WE MISSED YOU!**





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WAIT!!! HAIR!!!!

## **FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE ITINERARY OF THE 2013 BC PICNIC**

### **2013 BREAKFAST CLUB PICNIC JULY 12, 13, 14, 2013**

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**You DO NOT need to be a Breakfast Club member to attend!**

#### **Friday, July 12, 2013**

**5:30 - ? SUPPER at TJ'S SUPPER CLUB RESTAURANT** (Each person pays for their own meal)  
211 MUNGER LANE, HANNIBAL, MO 146.625 (Tone 103.5) Monitored

#### **Saturday, July 13, 2013 BOMAR BUILDING, 253 MUNGER LANE, HANNIBAL, MISSOURI**

**8:00 AM-9:00 AM BREAKFAST** (\$10.00 per person)

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM FREE TIME** to Explore downtown Hannibal. Lunch on your own. Suggested activities:

- Hannibal Parks & Recreation Lighthouse Trail **Scavenger Hunt**
- **Geocaching:** a treasure hunting game where you use a GPS to hide and seek containers with other participants in the activity
- Table Games: Bingo, Yatzee, Mexican Train Dominoes, Jenga, Bunco, cards

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**SPECIAL VISITORS:** Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher will be here to have pictures taken and they will put on a short performance

**SILENT AUCTION:** We ask that each of you bring a nice item to be auctioned off in a silent auction. It does not have to be Amateur radio related. Proceeds will go to support the 2013 picnic expenses.

**4:00 PM to 5:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING:** Breakfast Club meeting and presentations of awards.

**5:30 PM to ? DINNER WILL BE SERVED (\$15.00 per person)**

Menu: Fried Chicken, Meat Loaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, 7-Layer Salad  
(Soda will not be sold, be sure to bring your own)

**50-50 DRAWING, DOOR PRIZES**

**END OF BIDDING ON SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

Persons with winning silent auction bid will be called to pay for and pick up their items.

**Sunday, July 14, 2013**

**7:30 AM to 9:00 AM GOOD-BYE BREAKFAST AT MARK TWAIN DINNETTE** (Each person pays for their own meal)

**NOTE:** We are leaving it up to each party to choose your motel or hotel for the weekend. A list will be available upon your request, or check the Internet for available choices in the area.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

**All Current (Active) Breakfast Club Net Control Operators**

**will eat for free on Saturday evening.**

Thank you for your time and service to the club.

**RESERVATIONS FOR SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND DINNER must be made by June 30, 2013**  
**PLEASE SEND PAYMENT OF \$25.00 (\$10.00 Breakfast + \$15.00 Dinner) PER PERSON AND YOUR NAME TO:**

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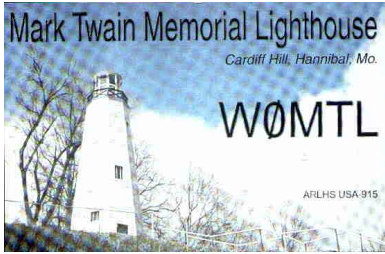


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